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GEORGE WILDMAN BALL
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For the Bureau's information, senators set forth to be interviewed in Bureau airtel dated 12/28/64 are presently in travel status or on vacation or otherwise unavailable as well as their administrative assistants who are on vacation. All of the senators set forth in that communication will be contacted on Monday, January 4, 1965, and interviews will be expedited when possible.

On 12/30/64, MC GEORGE BUNDY, Special Assistant to the President, The White House Office, advised SA GEORGE E. SAUNDERS that he has known the appointee approximately four years on a professional contact basis brought about by the related responsibilities between the White House and the State Department. He stated that he also has met the appointee socially on many occasions and knows both he and his wife as being very wonderful people. He stated that the appointee is a very capable and dedicated individual, that any comment he could make regarding the appointee would be extremely favorable, and that he recommended him very highly as to his character, associates, reputation, and loyalty and continued employment in a position of trust and confidence.

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On 12/30/64, GEORGE S. SPRINGSTEEN, Staff Assistant to Under Secretary BALL, advised SA PAUL F. DOUGHERTY that he has known the appointee since the late Summer of 1960 and has worked directly for him since 12/1/60 and has been the appointee's staff assistant since the appointee took over his present position. He stated there is no question regarding the appointee's loyalty and patriotism, that his character and reputation are fine, and his associates are reputable loyal citizens. He stated that the appointee's [redacted] as well as [redacted]

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[redacted] who is working on a graduate degree and doing his research in the Washington area. He stated that [redacted]

[redacted] He recommended the appointee very highly as to his character, associates, reputation, and loyalty and for a position of trust and confidence.

On 12/30/64 Mr. DAVID E. BELL, Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, stated that he first met the appointee in 1952 when both worked for ADLAI STEVENSON in the 1952 Presidential Campaign and the appointee was head of the volunteers for STEVENSON. He stated that he had little contact with the appointee until early 1961 when he had very intensive official contact as well as some social contact with the appointee. He states that the appointee has a very strong character, a fine reputation, and is of the highest loyalty and patriotism. Mr. BELL stated that he has met and knows the appointee's wife socially and likes her very much; he considers her to be an extremely wonderful person. He recommended the appointee for continued employment and for any promotion that the President might feel the appointee is worthy of receiving.

On 12/30/64, Ambassador LLEWELLYN E. THOMPSON, Ambassador at Large and Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Political Affairs, Dept. of State, advised SA JOSEPH W. SPEICHER that he has known the appointee both socially and officially since the Fall of 1962, having served under his supervision during this period. Ambassador THOMPSON stated that he considered appointee's loyalty to his country to be beyond question and his character, reputation, and associations to be of the very highest type. He recommended the appointee for a government position of trust, commenting that he is a capable, intelligent, energetic, discreet, and reliable

individual. Ambassador THOMPSON mentioned that the appointee's wife is also a very fine person. He was unable to furnish any information concerning the other members of the appointee's family.

On 12/30/64, Mr. WILLIAM J. CROCKETT, Deputy Under Secretary for Administration, Dept. of State, advised SA SPEICHER that he has known the appointee, primarily professionally, since February, 1961, having served under appointee's supervision during this period. Mr. CROCKETT reported that he considered the appointee to be a loyal and devoted U.S. citizen and a man of excellent character, habits, reputation, and associations. He recommended the appointee "without any hesitation whatever" for a position of trust and confidence with the government. Mr. CROCKETT remarked that the appointee's wife also appears to be a person of a very high type.

On 12/30/64, Mr. HENRY D. OWEN, Deputy Counselor and Vice Chairman of the Policy Planning Council, Dept. of State, advised SA SPEICHER that he has known the appointee in an official capacity since 1961, having served under his supervision at the Dept. of State since that time. Mr. OWEN stated that he considered the appointee's loyalty to the U.S. to be beyond question and added that appointee's character, associations, and reputation were very good, to the best of his knowledge. He recommended the appointee for a government position of trust, remarking that he is an able, industrious, personable, sincere and dependable individual.

On 12/30/64, Mr. PHILLIPS TALBOT, Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, Dept. of State, advised SA DOUGHERTY that he has known the appointee since April of 1961 at the State Dept. and mostly on a professional basis though he has had some social contact. He stated that he is under the appointee's supervision and there is no question in his mind concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation, and loyalty. He stated that his reputation and associates are of the highest and that the appointee's wife is considered to be an extremely wonderful woman. He recommended the appointee for continued employment in a position of trust and confidence and for any promotion the President of the United States was considering giving to the appointee.

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Still outstanding are interviews of the senators as requested by the Bureau as well as additional associates in the area.